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1. I WISH TO REMIND DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH SECURITY THAT THE USMISSION RECEIVES MORE THAN 600 DELEGATES FROM WASHINGTON EACH YEAR TO OECD AND MANY OF THEM ARE PROMINENT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. SECRETARY SIMON WILL BE ATTENDING A MEETING HERE IN APRIL. SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL HEAD A HIGH LEVEL TEAM TO BE HERE IN MAY. THIS PAST WEEK, WHICH IS NOT UNUSUAL, WE HAVE HAD UNDER SECRETARIES ROBINSON AND BENNETT, CHAIRMAN GREENSPAN AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES ENDERS, COOPER AND PARSKY. THE MEETINGS WHICH THESE MEN ATTEND RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY IN EUROPEAN MEDIA ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY WHICH IS REGARDED BY MANY IN THE ARAB WORLD AS CONFRONTATION. WE HAVE HAD ONE ARAB TERRORIST INCIDENT OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS AT THE SAUDI EMBASSY NEXT DOOR. IN SHORT, THE PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBERS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THIS RELATIVELY OPEN AND UNPROTECTED MISSION WOULD SEEM TO REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO TAKE THE MOST IMPORTANT REMEDIAL STEPS RECOMMENDED BY THE RSO AND THE RTC.

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2. I SUPPORT THE RSO AND RTC RECOMMENDATION THAT KEY ELEMENT IN IMPROVED SECURITY MEASURES FOR MISSION IS THE INSTALLATION OF AN ADEQUATE SECURITY CONTROL CENTER PROVIDING EFFECTIVE ACCESS CONTROLS AND SERVING AS A DETERRENT AGAINST ANY RAPID, FORCED ENTRY INTO SPACE OCCUPIED BY THE MISSION. THE REPLACEMENT OF OTHER EXTERNAL DOORS AS WELL AS THE INSTALLATION OF CCTV AND EXTENSIVE ELECTRICAL LOCKING MECHANISMS COULD BE DEFERRED PENDING A FURTHER SY APPRAISAL OF THEIR NEED AND THE DEGREE OF INCREASED SECURITY THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS MIGHT PROVIDE.

3. THE MISSION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RSO AND RTC, WILL ASSURE THAT THE REVISED ESTIMATES CALLED FOR IN REF A ARE SUPPLIED ASAP. AS THE SECURITY MEASURES REQUIRED BY THE MISSION HAVE BEEN UNDER EXAMINATION SINCE SEPT. 27, 1974 (PARIS 22964) I NOW STRONGLY URGE THAT THE FUNDING FOR THE RECOMMENDED STRUCTURAL CHANGE BE APPROVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE REVISED ESTIMATES ARE AVAILABLE SO THAT THE WORK CAN BE INITIATED AND COMPLETED BEFORE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MAY 26.
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